AN ORDINANCE DECLARATORY OF THE Lords and Commons Assembled In PARLIAMEMT,

For the regulating of the Excise upon Flesh, *VIZ.* *Beeves, Muttons, Veals, Porks, Lambs,* and other Butchers Meat killed for Provision of Victuals.

Die Sabbathi, 3. Augusti, 1644.

ORdered by the Lords assembled in Parliament, That this Ordinance shall be forthwith Printed and Published.

Joh. Brown, Cler. Parliament.

London, Printed for *Richard Cotes* and *John Raworth.*

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An Ordinance-declaratory, for the better regulating and levying of the Exciſe of Fleſh, within the Cities of London *and* Weſtminſter, *Suburbs, and Lines of Communication.*

WHereas by a late Ordinance of Parliament, bearing date the ninth of *January*, 1643. there is a Rate of Exciſe ſet upon all Beeves, Veals, Muttons, Porks, Lambs, and other Butchers meat to be killed for proviſion of Victuals, and the ſame to be levied according to the value of the Beaſt when he is living; and all Butchers and others from whom any ſuch Exciſe ſhould at any time become due, to pay and and be accountable for the ſame weekly.

Now the Lords and Commons aſſembled in Parliament finding the many Inconveniences that do and will of neceſſity ariſe in levying the ſame within the Cities of *Lon-*

don and *Westminster*, Suburbs of both, and Lines of Communication, by the Rule prescribed by the aforesaid Ordinance, if the collecting the said Excise should be continued for the future in that way: For prevention whereof, and for the more regular and facile levying the same for the future within the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, their Suburbs and Lines of Communication aforesaid; Be it Ordained by the said Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, That all Beeves, Muttons, Veals, Lambs, Porks, and other Butchers meat (in the aforesaid Ordinance mentioned to be exciseable, from and after the twentieth day of this present *July*) which shall be bought to be killed for slaughter, and provision of Victual, within the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, their Suburbs, and Lines of Communication, shall be liable to pay, while all such cattel are yet alive, the said Duty of Excise, being One shilling in every Twenty shillings value of the Beast living.

And be it further ordained, That all Grasiers,

Graſiers, Butchers, and others, who from and after the day and yeer aforeſaid ſhall bring any live Beefs, Muttons, Veals, Lambs, Porks, or other ſort of Butchers Ware before ſpecified, either by Land or Water, into the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, their Suburbs, or Lines of Communication, to be killed for ſale or private ſpending, do and ſhall, at the Ports, and firſt entrance within the Lines of Communication, make known unto ſuch Officer or Officers as ſhall be appointed by the Commiſſioners of Exciſe to attend ſuch Port or place, the number and nature of the ſaid cattel, and the names of the right owners of them, which the ſaid Officer ſhall regiſter in a Book, and deliver unto the perſon who hath the charge of the ſaid cattel a Certificate or Ticket of the ſame.

And be it further ordained, That no Graſier, Butcher, or other perſon whatſoever, who, from and after the day and yeer aforeſaid, ſhall bring any live Beeves, Muttons, Veals, Lambs, Porks, or other Butchers Ware before ſpecified, either by

Land or Water, into the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, their Suburbs, and Lines of Communication, do or shall presume to put any such Beast to sale in any place within the Line of Communication, but in the open and usuall place and Market in *Smithfield*, upon pain of forfeiture of such Beast, or the value thereof.

And that every such Grasier or other who shall put to sale any kinde of cattel exciseable by this Ordinance, within the said Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, or Line of communication, and within the time aforesaid, do and shall give notice thereof, together with the true price of such cattel, unto the Officer or Deputy appointed by the Commissioners of Excise to attend at some known place in *Smithfield*, to register all such cattel, and to receive the Excise due for them; and shall not make delivery of any cattel so sold, untill the Excise be duely paid, and a Ticket obtained to testifie the same, upon forfeiture of treble the value of the Excise of such cattel; and that every Butcher who shall buy such cattel,

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ſhall duely pay the Exciſe as aforeſaid, before he kill the ſame, upon pain of forfeiture of the ſaid cattel, or the value of it.

And be it further ordained, That if any Butcher or other, who, from and after the day and yeer above written, ſhall bring any live cattel above ſpecified, either by Land or Water, into the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, their Suburbs, or Lines of communication, to kill for ſale, or his own private ſpending, which he or they bought without the Line of communication, that every ſuch Butcher or other ſhal, at the entrance of ſuch Port, pay the ſaid Duty of Exciſe for all ſuch cattel, according to the intent of this Ordinance, unto the Officers for that purpoſe there deputed to receive the ſame.

And that all Butchers and others, who, for the uſes aforeſaid, ſhall from henceforth buy, feed, or otherwiſe have in readineſſe to kill for proviſion of Victual the ſorts and kindes of cattel before mentioned, within the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, or Line of Communication, which came not

immediately from without the Line, ſhall, before any ſuch cattel be by them put to ſale or killed, pay the ſaid Duty of Exciſe into the Office of Exciſe, or elſe there give ſufficient teſtimony that it was paid before.

And be it likewiſe ordained, That all and every ſuch Graſier, Butcher, or other perſon or perſons whatſoever, as ſhall ſeek to evade this Ordinance, by refuſing to pay the aforeſaid Duty of Exciſe according to the tenour hereof, or practiſe any other fraudulent means or ways to elude the ſame in any particular; that every ſuch perſon or perſons ſo offending, beſides the ſeverall penalties before mentioned, ſhal be eſteemed a perſon ill-affected to the State, and ſuffer ſuch further puniſhment as both Houſes of Parliament ſhall adjudge.

And laſtly, the ſaid Lords and Commons do further ordain and declare, That every other matter and thing contained in the former Ordinance of Exciſe on Fleſh, of the ninth of *January* laſt, and thereby enjoyned to be executed and done, ſave in the matter of regulating and levying of the ſame

same as by this Ordinance, shall to all intents and purposes remain, and be in full force and vertue.

Joh. Browne, Cler. Parl.

Die Sabbathi, 3 Augusti. 1644.

An Ordinance of the Lords and Commons, whereby the Commissioners of Excise are directed unto whom they are to pay the Receipts of the Excise upon the Additional Ordinance of Parliament,
8 Junii, 1644.

BE it Ordained by the Lords and Commons in Parliament assembled, That the Moneys raised upon the additionall Excise, by an Ordinance of the eighth of *July*, 1644. and by that Ordinance divided into three parts, and apportioned to severall uses, shall be paid by the Commissioners of Excise unto the persons hereafter mentioned: that is to say, The moytie of one third part, appointed by the said Ordinance for the satisfaction of the pressing Debts due to the severall Handicrafts-men, strangers and other persons, for Arms and Ammunition heretofore bought for the use of the State, and to severall poor persons, for carriage by Carts and Waggons for the same use, shall be paid to Sir *Gilbert Gerrard* Knight, Treasurer at Wars, for those uses: The other moytie of

of that third part, appointed for the relief of wounded and maimed Souldiers, and for satisfaction of Physitians, Apothecares, Chirurgions, for the care of such Souldiers, and for the relief of such widows and children as have lost their husbands and fathers in the Service of the Common-wealth, shall be paid unto *William Greenhill*, *John Pocock*, *John Randall*, and *Richard Hutchinson*, Treasurers appointed for the maimed souldiers, or unto any two of them, for those uses: The second third part, whereof the one moytie is by that Ordinance appointed to be employed towards the Land-Forces in the Service of the Parliament, shall be paid to the said Sir *Gilbert Gerrard* Knight; and the other moytie, appointed for the provision of Arms and Ammunition for the said Land-Forces, shall be paid to Sir *Walter Earl* Knight, Lieutenant of the Ordnance: The last third part, the one moytie whereof is appointed by that Ordinance for the maintenance of the Navie by Sea, shall be paid to Sir *Henry Vane* junior Knight, Treasurer of the Navie, by Order of the Committee of the Navie; The other moytie of the said third part, appointed for Arms, Stores, and Ammunition for the Navie, shall be paid to the said Sir *Walter Earl* Knight, for the use of the Navie, by order of the said Committee of the Navie. And the receit of the severall persons appointed by this Ordinance for the respective Sums by them to be received according to the intent of this Ordinance, shall be a Warrant and Discharge unto the Commissioners of Excise.

Joh. Browne, Cler. Parl.

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Assembled in

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Establishing certain

RULES and INSTRUCTIONS

to be observed by the Commissioners of Excise; The Auditors in taking their Accompts; and others employed about the Collection of the Excise.

Hen. Elsynge, Cler. Parl. D. Com.

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